

CITY OF CORVALLIS
COUNCIL POLICY MANUAL

POLICY AREA 7 - COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

CP 91-7.10

Water Line Replacement Policy

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7.10.010 **Purpose**

To establish a water line replacement policy.

7.10.020 **Goals**

This policy is intended to identify the financial responsibility for the replacement of existing water lines.

7.10.030 **Definitions**

- a. Assessment – a fee charged to a property for a public improvement as established by an agreement with the property owner or by City Council through a local improvement district.
- b. Differential Rates – water utility rates that include an additional component intended to recover the cost of system improvements benefitting charged properties.
- c. Encumbrance – a lien or other claim on a property.

7.10.040 **Policy**

7.10.041 Properties presently being served.

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If property is now being served with City water, replacement costs will be paid by the City. Where land use has changed and has materially caused an increase in water requirements, the City reserves the right to assess such properties creating the additional service requirements. Replacements will be made in accordance with the adopted schedule projected for capital improvements and subject to availability of allocated funds.

7.10.042 Properties not being served.

If property is not being served by City water, Council Policy CP 91-7.11, Water Main Extensions and Fire Protection, will be followed.

7.10.043 Properties annexed to the City.

- a. Accept system as it is for systems or individuals now being served by the City, with future improvements to be made consistent with the City's capital improvements program. In areas where a small substandard line exists and not all adjacent properties are hooked-up, a hook-up charge based on area served shall be charged the property owner desiring a new service. The City shall, as funds allow, then install a new water line and allow all properties previously served to have service from the new line. These extensions shall be made in accordance with the adopted schedule projected for capital improvements and are subject to availability of allocated funds.
- b. For systems not now being served by the City, adopt a flexible program, such that the system shall either be improved prior to annexation or provisions shall be made to improve the system after annexation and funded through differential rates, assessments, or both. Improvements assumed by City shall be free of encumbrances.
- c. Inspection of construction to determine conformance with the City's specifications and practices shall be required on all lines that are intended to become a part of the future City system. For example:
 - 1) A development where a plastic pipe system was installed for domestic service does not meet the City's standards and is unacceptable.
 - 2) The water system serving a development with proper sized cast iron mains is in accordance with the City specifications and is acceptable.

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7.10.050 Review and Update

This policy shall be reviewed every 4 years by the Public Works Director and updated as appropriate.